

KING

the Dominions.

New Statesman and Nation - declared the King's stand "is a tribute to the honesty and straightforwardness of the King's character".

Dec. 4th, Daily Mail - favouring a compromise, said there was a growing sentiment in the House of Commons favouring giving the monarch "all the time he desires" to come to a decision.

Dec. 4th, Daily Herald - "It is imperative Prime Minister Baldwin should shoulder the distasteful task of telling the people why the Cabinet and dominions do oppose the marriage".

Dec. 4th, News Chronicle - There unquestionably is a strong and growing desire among the public that the King should marry the woman of his choice as soon as she is free to marry him, but that she should not become the Queen of England."

Dec. 4th, Daily Express - "This thing can be brought to a close whenever Mr. Baldwin and his Government desire - by withdrawing their opposition to the King's intension of marrying. We cannot afford to lose the King. We cannot let him give up the Throne".

Dec. 4th, C.P. Dispatch. London crowds cheer for King, signing National Anthem, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow", etc. Shouts and cheers for King, such as "After South Wales you cannot let him down"; "Edward is right, Baldwin is wrong".

Dec. 5th, A.P. Dispatch - "Chanting crowds roamed London today, shouting themselves hoarse in praise of King Edward, from Mayfair to Cheapside - 'Edward is right, Baldwin is wrong'".

CABINET

Dec. 4th - London Times - said the marriage "would scandalize a very large proportion of the nation and Empire, and therefore do infinite harm to the whole institution of the British monarchy.

Dec. 4th - (Citizen) - Mr. Baldwin's statement to House of Commons: "His Majesty's Government are not prepared to introduce such legislation". (That is, to allow King to marry without wife becoming Queen). Statement greeted by thunderous applause. Labor leader made no statement.

Dec. 4th - (C.P. Dispatch) - Observers said: "While national affection and sympathy for the King have been evident throughout, marked confidence in the Prime Minister has been manifested from all parts of the House. ... Normal reaction from unanimity on big occasions has revealed a Labor minority willing to contemplate the proposed marriage. A split also exists in the Opposition Liberal ranks, while a Conservative minority is definitely opposed to abdication.

Dec. 4th - Sir Archibald Sinclair, Parliamentary Liberal leader said: "Mr. Baldwin declared in the House of Commons this afternoon that such a course (i.e. giving the wife of the King status other than that of Queen) was impossible, and in that declaration he was supported certainly by applause - and I think by general feeling - of the House.

Dec. 4th - Ernest Bevan, President of the Trades Union Congress, said "We cannot forget the supremacy of Parliament.